

GERARD DEFIED GERMAN COERCION WITH THREAT

U-BOAT BAGS SHIP FROM PORT HERE

Netherlee, Out From Philadelphia, 85th Victim of New Undersea War

CREW SAID TO BE BRITISH

Total Tonnage of Vessels Sent Down Reaches More Than 180,000

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamship Netherlee, 4227 tons, has been sunk in the barred zone by a German submarine.

The Netherlee sailed from Philadelphia on January 21 for Dunkirk.

The Netherlee was the eighty-fifth ship reported sunk in the danger zone around the British Isles since Germany's submarine war went into effect on February 1.

The total tonnage of the eighty-five ships is more than 182,000.

Thomas W. Porter, British Consul at Philadelphia, said the crew of the Netherlee, numbering thirty-seven men, had been shipped at London prior to the vessel's voyage to Philadelphia.

G. A. R. BACKS PRESIDENT Post 2 Pledges to Support His Efforts to Defend American Flag

Support of President Wilson in any action he may take to defend the American flag was pledged yesterday at a meeting of Post No. 2, G. A. R., at its headquarters, Twelfth street above Wallace.

Following several addresses dealing with the present crisis a resolution was unanimously adopted commending the action of the President in breaking off diplomatic relations and pointing out that a grave peril confronted the nation.

The resolution concluded with the statement that members of the post would support any action to protect the flag at the rights of every American citizen no matter where he may be.

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SUGAR SHORTAGE REAL, SAYS GROCER

Chain Store Official Urges Housewives to Buy Only for Needs

RELIEF EXPECTED TODAY

Heads of chain stores and officials of wholesale grocery companies agreed today that Philadelphia is confronted by the most serious sugar shortage in the city's history.

They stated that this condition had been brought about by the closing of the three big refiners here by strike and by the unprecedented demand of householders on the fast-dwindling supplies in warehouses.

WELCOME PARADE FOR CITY GUNNERS

Pageant Celebrates Return of Second Artillery From Border

COUNCILMEN IN COLUMN

Parade Route ESCORTED by the First Regiment, N. G. P.; Third Regiment, N. G. P.; State Fencibles' Battalion, G. A. R. detachment and Spanish-American War Veterans, the Second Pennsylvania Artillery left Broad and Callowhill streets shortly before 2 o'clock.

The parade marched south in Broad street to Fitzwater street and countermarched back to Broad and Huntingdon streets.

Escorting commands were dismissed and Second Artillery were guests of the city at a banquet served in the Second Artillery Armory, Broad street and Susquehanna avenue.

Official parade reviewing stand opposite Second Artillery Armory. Philadelphia welcomed the Second Regiment this afternoon in a way befitting the thousand sturdy bronzed warriors back from the border.

With thousands lining Broad street and with the holiday spirit animating the friends and relatives jamming against the ropes, the thousand old men and officers swung into a mighty parade that eclipsed previous marches of the other Philadelphia regiments and pounded their way down through the thoroughfare with their ominous guns lumbering alongside.

There were a thousand and more horses to lengthen the procession; there were the cannon, with their muzzles looking as though they might blow Billy Penn from his position on top the City Hall tower; there were detachments from the First and Third Regiments and other military organizations, and there were the boys of the Second itself, clean-cut and beaming and representative of Philadelphia manhood in their drab olive-gray military coats wrapped around them to protect them from the cold wind that stung their faces.

Just before the parade started a couple of miles—not the army kind—started to run away from in front of Hahnemann College and caused considerable excitement before they were caught. No damage was done.

GEN. J. A. MATHER, JR., VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Was Veteran of Spanish-American War and Officer in Jersey National Guard

General John A. Mather, Jr., fifty-two years old, brigadier general on the reserve list of the New Jersey National Guard, under whose command Governor Walter E. Edge, of New Jersey, and other prominent men served, died of pneumonia today at the Bohannon Hotel, Second and Penn streets, Camden.

He was known in military circles as a strict disciplinarian and one who could read men at night. His success in the New Jersey National Guard, friends said today, was due to his quiet demeanor. He served during the Spanish-American War and was promoted to the post of brigadier general in 1913.

Some of the men who at one time served under General Mather, were Governor Edge, Nelson B. Gaskill, former Assistant Attorney General of New Jersey; Ralph W. E. Douglas, president of the Public Utilities Commission of New Jersey; W. H. Chew, of the State Board of Health of New Jersey; John G. Horner, former Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of New Jersey, and former City Clerk Harry Kramer, of Camden.

MENACE TO AMERICANS CAUSE FOR WAR, ENVOY TOLD BERLIN, IN REFUSING SHIPS NEGOTIATIONS

"Will Sit Here Until Kingdom Come," He Told Officials, "Unless Safety is Guaranteed" Fellow Countrymen—Party Reaches Switzerland

Teutons Attempted to Obtain Warrant That Interned Ships Would Not Be Seized and Germans Here Not Interned—Kaiser Holds U-Boat Conference at War Headquarters

By CARL W. ACKERMAN BERNE, Feb. 12.—The German Government intends to delay departure of Americans now in Berlin in order to have such citizens in hand for retaliatory measures in case America declares war and interns German citizens in the United States.

Permission for Americans eventually to depart was obtained only by the strong stand of American Ambassador Gerard.

From neutral soil today it is possible to reveal the pressure which the German Government brought powerfully to bear on the American Ambassador to force him into signing a treaty which would practically guarantee the safety of German ships in American waters.

Gerard persistently refused. He declined even to communicate such proposals to Washington unless he was granted freedom of confidential communication.

NEWSPAPER MEN FOLLOW GERARD Then the American newspaper correspondents ascertained that they were likely to be held hostages in Germany for America's guaranteeing of the German ships' safety.

They were finally granted permission to leave with Gerard on the special train, but received their passports four hours before the time set for the departure.

"I told Count Montgelas," Gerard said today describing his interview with the German Foreign Office attache who put up to him the practical "ultimatum" as to his signing a treaty, "that I'd sit there until kingdom come and not leave until all Americans were permitted free exit."

After this the Berlin officials granted passports to those desiring to leave with Gerard.

A large number of Americans still remain in Berlin and are anxious to leave, but the indications when the Gerard party left were that they would be delayed days and even weeks.

The Berlin Government, fearing that America may declare war, apparently desires to have a few Americans within Germany on which retaliatory measures might be exacted in case Germans in America are interned.

Meanwhile the Foreign Office is striving to keep America out of the war, but the military party long ago prepared for American hostilities and is only lukewarm in its support of the statesmen in the Wilhelmstrasse.

The general feelings of the Americans left in Berlin was expressed by the young son of Davison Maddy, "If I ever get my feet on American soil again I'll never take them off."

Gerard appeared worn out today, not only from the journey from Berlin, but from the strain of the past events. He was warmly received by representatives of the Swiss Government and the Allies.

EXTRA CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY ON RUTHLESS U-BOAT WAR

LONDON, Feb. 12.—China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, it was authoritatively reported here this afternoon. The action was taken following the lead set by the United States against Germany's new ruthless U-boat policy.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP LYCIA SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The British steamship Lycia has been sunk, according to a statement issued here today.

U. S. TO ARM GULF TUGBOATS

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 12.—Arrangements have been made by the Government for arming all sea-going tugboats at Galveston and other gulf ports and using them for coast defense, according to reports in authoritative circles here today.

LA FOLLETTE MOVES TO BLOCK ARMING OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, Republican, offered a joint resolution today to make unlawful the arming of American merchant ships while the United States is not at war.

SIXTH PENNSYLVANIA INFANTRY LEAVES BORDER

The Sixth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, from this city, left the border for home today, according to word received here from El Paso, Tex.

BRITISH FIRE ON NEUTRAL SHIP, SAYS BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—"Christiania reports the Norwegian steamship Sortland was fired at by two British torpedo-boats while within Norwegian waters," declared a press bureau statement today.

CARRANZA NAMES GOMILLAS AS U. S. ENVOY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. Ignacio Gomillas, Mexican member of the recent joint commission, has been appointed by First Chief Carranza as Ambassador to the United States, it was learned here today.

COMMONS ASKED FOR NEW \$2,750,000,000 WAR CREDITS

LONDON, Feb. 12. Two votes of credit aggregating \$2,750,000,000 were introduced in Commons today. One for the current fiscal year, the other was to start the next fiscal year.

U. S. HANDS OFF IN GREECE'S INTERNAL DISPUTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. The United States will not take sides in the political situation in Greece until after the war, the State Department made it known today.

COAL FAMINE IN DENMARK GROWING ACUTE

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 12.—The coal famine in Denmark is becoming acute. Transportation and industries are seriously affected. It is hoped to secure fuel from Spitzbergen, by way of Norway and Sweden, when spring comes.

PRESIDENT WILSON CANCELS ENGAGEMENTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—President Wilson will avoid public gatherings of all kinds for the present. He will make no speeches and attend no large social or business meetings.

PROSECUTE COPS, SAY VICTIM'S KIN

Friends Also Approve Murder Charge After Young Fugitive Is Killed



ARTHUR KIPPAX AND HIS DOG

Only last week the Roxborough lad who was killed while trying to elude two policemen sold his blooded bulldog "Yodler" for \$250.

Declaration by Coroner Knight that an accusation of murder will be entered against Policemen Schottmiller and O'Connor, of Inshorough station, who shot and killed seventeen-year-old Arthur Kippax is endorsed by relatives and neighbors of the youthful victim of the policemen's revolvers.

No order of suspension or other official action by the police department will be taken against Policemen Schottmiller and O'Connor until a careful and thorough investigation can be made by police officials, according to an announcement made this afternoon by Superintendent of Police James Robinson.

This investigation will be begun immediately, he said. Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson refused to comment on the case before receiving a report from Superintendent Robinson.

Both policemen were held without bail, to await the action of the Coroner, by Magistrate Heaton in Central Police Court today. Both men admitted they had fired at the fleeing boy after he had refused to obey their order to halt.

Kippax left the home of his uncle, Albert Kippax, 4211 Pechin street, last night, ostensibly to attend evening service at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, Roxborough. His relatives knew nothing of his subsequent actions until informed that he and one of his companions had been shot in flight after attempting to rob a candy store at Manayunk avenue and Conarose street.

The boy's father, Edward Kippax, is in Shreveport, La. He is an expert accountant, employed by E. W. Clark & Co., 221 Chestnut street. Since his departure the family had removed to the home of Joseph Kippax, the youth's grandfather, at 4114 Pechin street.

NEEDED NO MONEY According to his mother, Arthur was in no need of money and had no motive for stealing. He sold a bulldog for \$250 to Andrew Newton, 5743 Torresdale avenue, and received the cash last week. This money was all his, Mrs. Kippax declares, and if her son was inside the candy store last night it was with no intent to rob, and his visit was only a boyish prank.

Arthur, according to his mother and others acquainted with his habits, was an exemplary youth. He never smoked and he attended Northeast High School until a short time ago. He was an amateur baseball player and last summer spent some time on the farm of Ben Houser, a former member of the Athletics, in Maine. He also played on the Roxborough nine.

The Kippax family does not care to prosecute the police at this time because it is unacquainted with full details of the shooting.

"I do think it was unnecessary for the policemen to use their revolvers when the boys were outside the store," said Mrs. Kippax today.

The Coroner said he would hold the blue coats without bail for murder, just as he would hold any one else. He said there was no question that many members of the Police Department were present at the shooting.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE ON SHIP; ONE DEAD, ONE DYING

Holland-American Liner Noordam, at Dock in New York Harbor, Scene of Peculiar Blaze

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Blaze of a mysterious origin was discovered in the Holland-American liner Noordam here today. Six men were entrapped in the coal bunkers. One man was killed and another is dying. Four others were revived by use of the pulmotor. The smoke which poured from the holds of the ship prevented rescues until firemen had arrived with smoke helmets.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Fair, tonight and Tuesday; continued cold to night, with lowest temperature near zero; somewhat warmer Tuesday; moderate southeast winds becoming variable Tuesday.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises, 6:54 a.m. Moon rises, 11:14 a.m. Sun sets, 5:31 p.m. Moon sets, 2:42 a.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET 2 a.m. Low water, 12:25 p.m. High water, 5:15 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR